

# CLAUDE

in the Spotlight



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*For Georgia,  
the girl with the dancing feet.*



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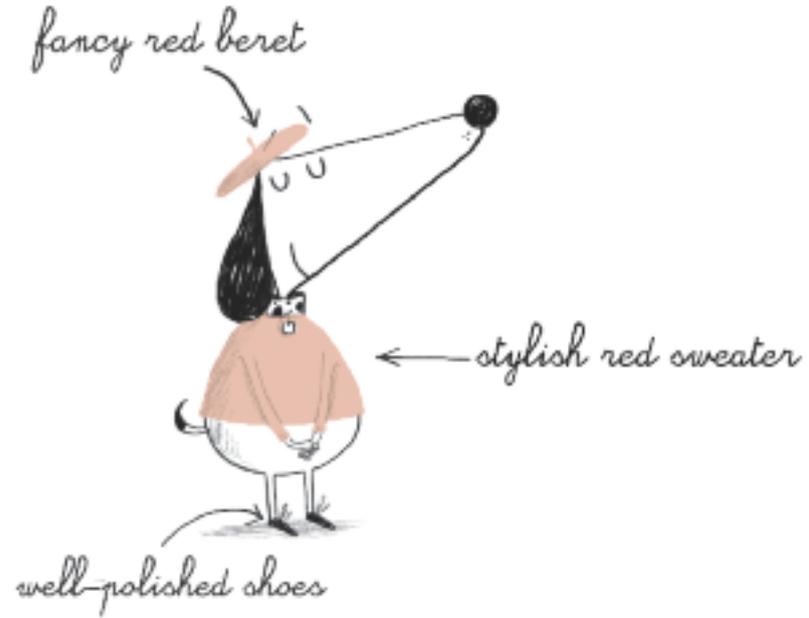


## Chapter 1

Behind a red front door with a big brass knocker lives a little dog named Claude. And here he is!



hello!



Claude is a small dog.  
Claude is a small, plump dog.  
Claude is a small, plump dog who wears a fancy red beret and a stylish red sweater.

Claude's owners are Mr. and Mrs. Shinyshoes and his best friend is Sir Bobblysock.

Sir Bobblysock is both a sock and quite bobbly.



Every morning, Mr. and Mrs. Shinyshoes wave good-bye to Claude and set off for work. And that is when the fun begins. Where will Claude and Sir Bobblysock go today?

## Chapter 2

One day, shortly after Mr. and Mrs. Shinyshoes had rushed out the door, Claude leaped out of bed with a spring in his step, dislodging Sir Bobblysock's hairnet and almost knocking over his cup of tea.



Claude should have been feeling rather sleepy because the night before he had stayed up *very* late (until about half past eight) reading a book of ghost stories.



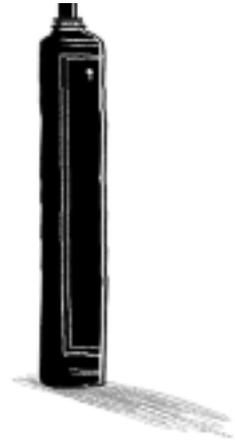
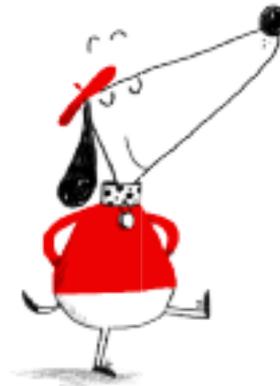
Some of the ghosts were spooky looking. Claude was especially worried about how they floated around and didn't wear any shoes.

But that was last night.  
Now Claude was wide awake  
with his beret on, looking for  
something to do.

“I think I will go for a walk  
into town,” he said. And he did.

Sir Bobblysock decided  
to go too. Really his hair  
needed washing, but he  
felt that no good would  
come of him lounging  
around all day with his  
head wrapped up in a  
towel, so the two friends  
set off.

**THEATER**



Suddenly, a group of children walked by.

They were wearing some funny outfits. Very funny indeed...



Claude's nose tingled, his eyebrows wiggled, and his bottom waggled. There was *definitely* an adventure brewing here!

Quickly smoothing down his ears, Claude ran after the children with Sir Bobblysock hopping along behind.

